AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 1 and 15 as follows.

A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims are provided below.

1. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair having two driven ~~front~~ wheels arranged in front of a seat back of a seat system and at least one castor arranged behind the two driven wheels, the at least one castor being ~~which is~~ mounted in a rotatable manner in a fork which can be pivoted about a vertical axis, the fork being connected to a steering linkage, wherein the connection between the fork and the steering linkage is releasable by actuation of a bolt which is subject to a load by a spring.

2. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one castor comprises two castors each mounted in a fork are provided, the forks being connected to one another via the steering linkage.

3. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fork is mounted such that it can be rotated about the vertical axis.

4. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fork is mounted such that it can be rotated through 360°.

5. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fork can be blocked mechanically in relation to the steering linkage.

6. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 5, wherein the fork is blocked in the straight-ahead position of the at least one castor.

7. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fork is mounted, via a fork pin, in a bushing connected to a frame.

8. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 7, wherein the bolt can be pushed, transversely to the vertical axis, into a recess provided in the fork pin.

9. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt can be displaced counter to the force of the spring.

10. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt can be displaced via a pivot-lever arrangement.

11. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bolt can be displaced via a linearly displaceable lever, a pivot lever acting on the lever.

12. (Previously Presented) A wheelchair having two driven wheels and at least one castor which is mounted in a rotatable manner in a fork which can be pivoted about a vertical axis, the fork being connected to a steering linkage, wherein the connection between the fork and the steering linkage is releasable, the fork is mounted, via a fork pin, in a bushing connected to a frame, and a bolt can be pushed, transversely to the

vertical axis, into a recess provided in the fork pin, the bolt can be displaced via a linearly displaceable lever, a pivot lever acting on the linearly displaceable lever, wherein the linearly displaceable lever is provided with a run-on slope, which interacts with a radial shoulder provided on the bolt.

13. (Previously Presented) A wheelchair having two driven wheels and at least one castor which is mounted in a rotatable manner in a fork which can be pivoted about a vertical axis, the fork being connected to a steering linkage, wherein the connection between the fork and the steering linkage is releasable, the fork is mounted, via a fork pin, in a bushing connected to a frame, and a bolt can be pushed, transversely to the vertical axis, into a recess provided in the fork pin, the bolt can be displaced via a linearly displaceable lever, a pivot lever acting on the linearly displaceable lever, wherein the pivot lever is mounted on a spindle connected to a bushing.

14. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 10, wherein the pivot lever has a rounded protuberance at its front end.

15. (Currently Amended) A wheelchair, comprising:

two driven ~~front~~ wheels arranged in front of a seat back of a seat system;

at least one castor arranged behind the two driven wheels, the at least one castor being rotatably mounted in a fork pivotable about a vertical axis, the fork having an upwardly projecting fork pin;

a steering linkage; and

a recess arranged on a circumference of the fork pin which is engageable with a bolt to releasably connect the fork to the steering linkage.

16. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 15, wherein the fork pin is mounted via bearings in a bushing.

17. (Previously Presented) A wheelchair, comprising:

two driven wheels;

at least one castor rotatably mounted in a fork pivotable about a vertical axis, the fork having an upwardly projecting fork pin;

a steering linkage; and

a recess arranged on a circumference of the fork pin which is engageable with a bolt to releasably connect the fork to the steering linkage,

wherein an outer end of the steering linkage includes a horizontally running through-passage bore and a vertical bore which accommodates the fork pin.

18. (Previously Presented) The wheelchair as claimed in claim 15, wherein the bolt is subjected to loading by a compression spring and is connected to an actuating lever, which is mounted in a pivotable manner on a spindle.

19. (Previously Presented) A wheelchair, comprising:

two driven wheels;

at least one castor rotatably mounted in a fork pivotable about a vertical axis, the fork having an upwardly projecting fork pin;

a steering linkage;

a recess arranged on a circumference of the fork pin which is engageable with a bolt to releasably connect the fork to the steering linkage; and

a vertically displaceable lever provided with a run-on slope which interacts with a radial shoulder on the bolt.

20. (Previously Presented) A wheelchair, comprising:

two driven wheels;

at least one castor rotatably mounted in a fork pivotable about a vertical axis, the fork having an upwardly projecting fork pin;

a steering linkage;

a recess arranged on a circumference of the fork pin which is engageable with a bolt to releasably connect the fork to the steering linkage; and

two pivot levers connected to one another via a connecting linkage, wherein a pivoting movement of the two pivot levers is initiated via an actuator of which a piston rod interacts with the fork.